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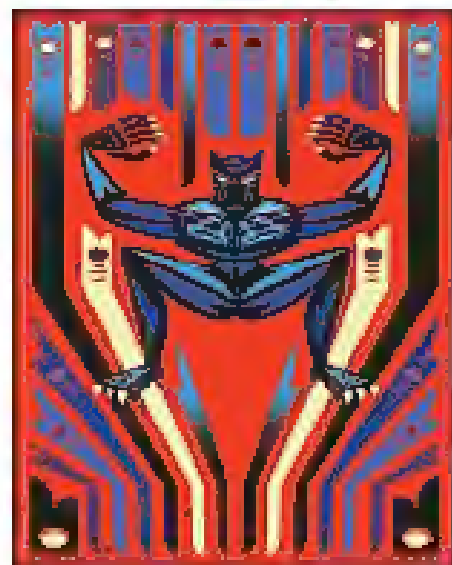
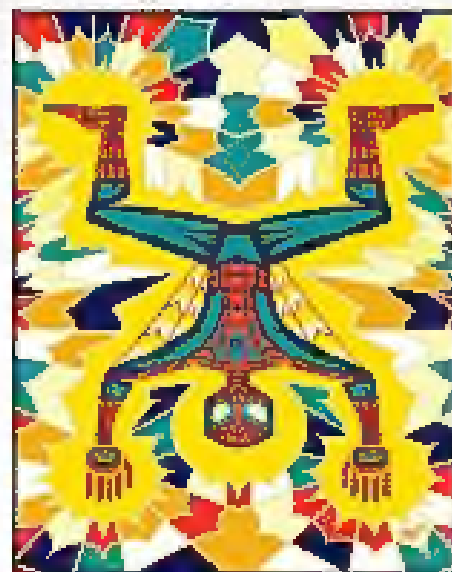
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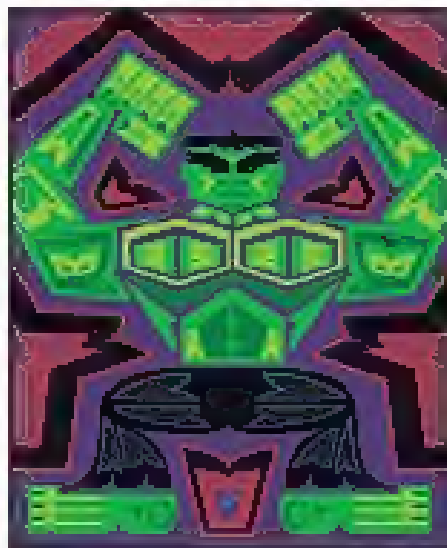
ONE-SHOT



JEFFREY VEREGGE



Jeffrey Veregge, 50, passed away April 12, 2024, after a courageous battle with lupus. A member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Veregge created a style he called "Salish geek," which combined Native American art, graphic design and comic-book heroes. His striking covers on *Red Wolf* and *Heroes Reborn* stood out from everything else on comic shelves. In 2018, The Smithsonian opened Veregge's exhibition "Of Gods and Heroes," which included his epic mural for the Museum of the Native American in New York. His work on comic covers and in public spaces leaves a fantastic legacy that will long be remembered. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.



BORN WITH ABILITIES BEYOND THOSE OF NORMAL HUMANS, THE MUTANT SUPER HEROES KNOWN AS THE X-MEN USE THEIR UNIQUE POWERS TO PROTECT THE WORLD—A WORLD NOW UNDER THREAT BY A VAMPIRE INVASION! A GROUP OF VAMPIRES KNOWN AS THE STRUCTURE ENGINEERED A SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK ACROSS THE GLOBE, USING DARKFORCE ENERGY TO BLOT OUT THE SUN. NOW VAMPIRES HAVE BEEN UNLEASHED UPON HUMANITY AND MUTANT KIND ALIKE, CAUSING VIOLENT CHAOS.



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SIBERIA, THEN.

Back when I was easily enamored by childish things--and childish fears--my father would tell me stories of the bogatyre.



Of these warlike knights, Ilya Muromets was my favorite. After all, we almost shared the same name.

A sickly Ilya was confined to bed for 33 years. However, one day, he was visited by two strangers.

"You must keep going, Ilya," they urged. "Get up--for you are completely cured!"

And with that, he was miraculously healed, gifted with super-strength.



With his life renewed--with his new start--he dedicated himself to fighting the monsters threatening the land.



Ilya became a hero who could banish darkness, with the strength to promise everything would be okay.

My father would then close the book and tell me: "Be brave, Ilyan--"



"...you must
keep going."

SIBERIA. NOW.

"Even when the evils
around you seem
insurmountable."

I can't!
I can't!

No, you
keep running.
Anno! We don't
stop--

Aargh!!!

NIKOLAI!



How
funny, she
thinks she
can help.

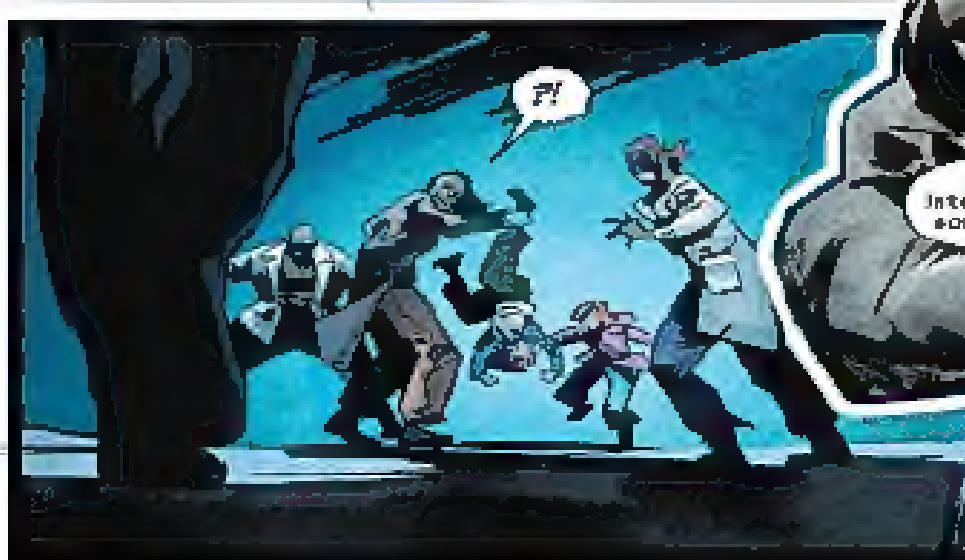
Let
him go, you
vampire!

How about
this? I'll be
nice. I'll give you
one try to
save him.



But only
one. You've
caused enough
trouble. It's time
to come back
home.

While we
appreciate your
enthusiasm, we can't
have you running
before your hurt
begins--



??!



Am I
interrupting
something?



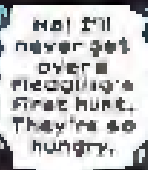
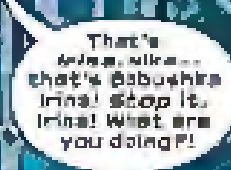
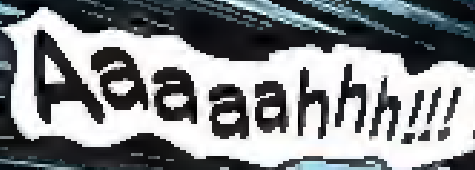
LATER.

It's nice to meet you, Arya. My name's Ilyana.

Are you really sure you're okay?

Barely a scratch. The real question is, are you two okay?







Time to play.

No! No! We can't be in the hunt! You've only ever chosen the adults!



Stay behind me.

Arrrr! Arrrr!



Let my children go! Take me instead!

Don't worry! It'll be your turn soon enough!

Run, little humans. Run as fast as you can.



Get out of here!



Padi!

Quiet.

SNAP



I leave for
but a moment
and you return to
savagery, to
acting like
animals.

What is the
point of these
blackened skies if
we stay in the shadows
lunging at any scrap
thrown at us?

Our lord
Varrus, would be
displeased that you waste
this opportunity to
become
something more.

That you
squander his
gift of eternal
darkness.

Disgusting

What
a waste
of good
pray

Meri
Who are we
as a people? We
are not monsters
We are hunters
Not sons. We are
evolution.

These hunts
are a reward and
celebration for the
time we've spent in
hiding. Let us savor
our meat.

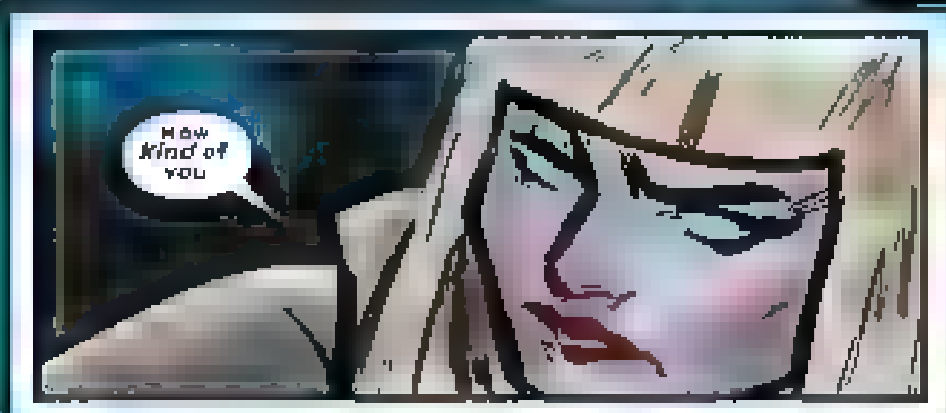
Let us
rejoice in
the new
age

ILYAI!
ILYAI!
ILYAI!



Don't worry children. I reward those who save lives. You will be needed into the forest and get a fighting chance to -

Well not escape No, that won't do. But if you survive we will welcome you in with open arms.



How kind of you



Iya, right? Sounds familiar. Any relation to Muramets?

Ah I always ~~please~~ me to meet an old friend. The story had some falsehoods, but I didn't see much of a reason to correct it.



After all miracles don't exist. Magic does.

How else do you think I received this gift?

If you prove yourself, maybe you will return and be made known to me!



But not
fast little
humans



You don't
have your gun
to hide behind
anymore.




You
don't stop you
keep running
and hide

But
what about
your



You
should worry
more about
yourself's
peas.



Funny
I could say
the same
to you.

Let me
introduce
myself. My name
is Mogu. And I was forged
in the fires of a
hell far worse
than here.

But to you
monsters, you
may call me

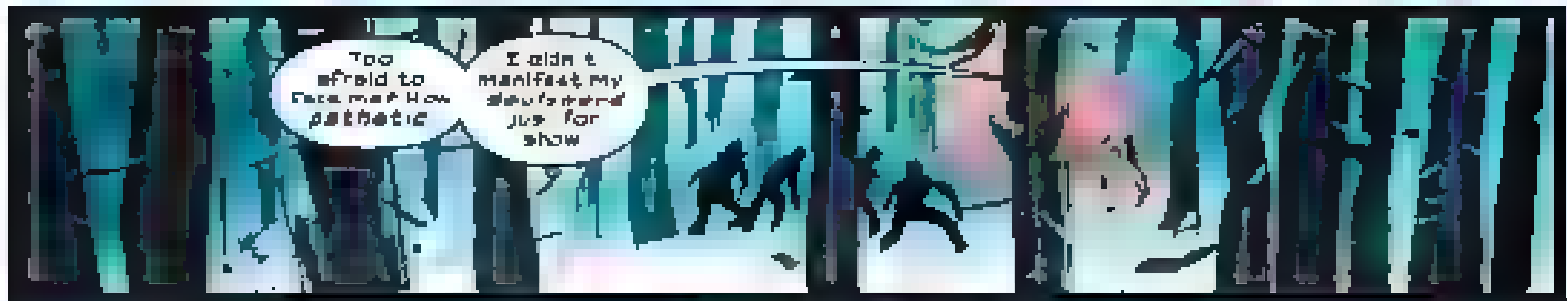
Mogu!

What a
poor decision
to cross my
path.

For my
hunt has
finally begun.
And you are
first on my
list.



Don't worry I'll at least try to give you vampires a fighting chance



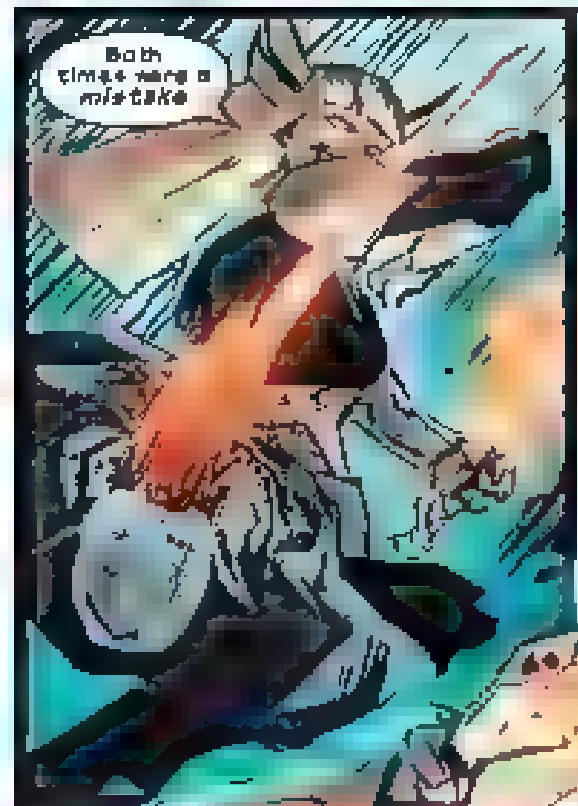
Too afraid to face me? How pathetic

I didn't manifest my stuff here jus for show

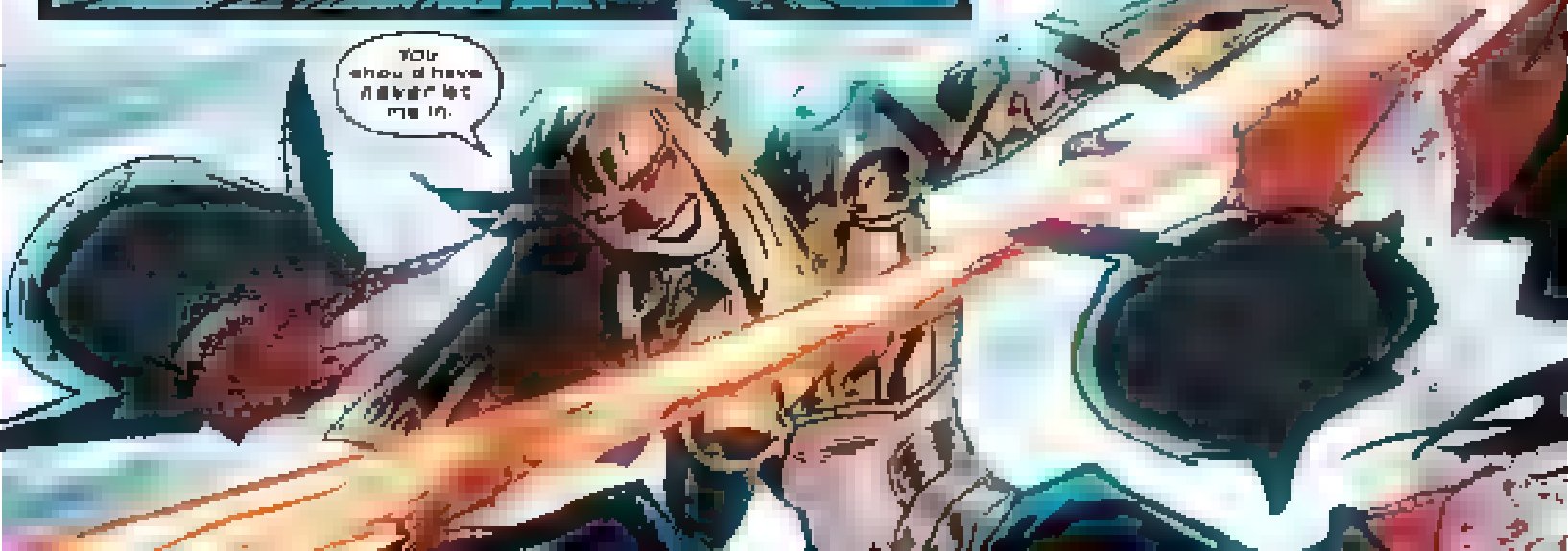


You know I had a hunch of the village but I couldn't pinpoint the exact spot on until you were nice enough to capture me

Just like now



Both times were a mistake



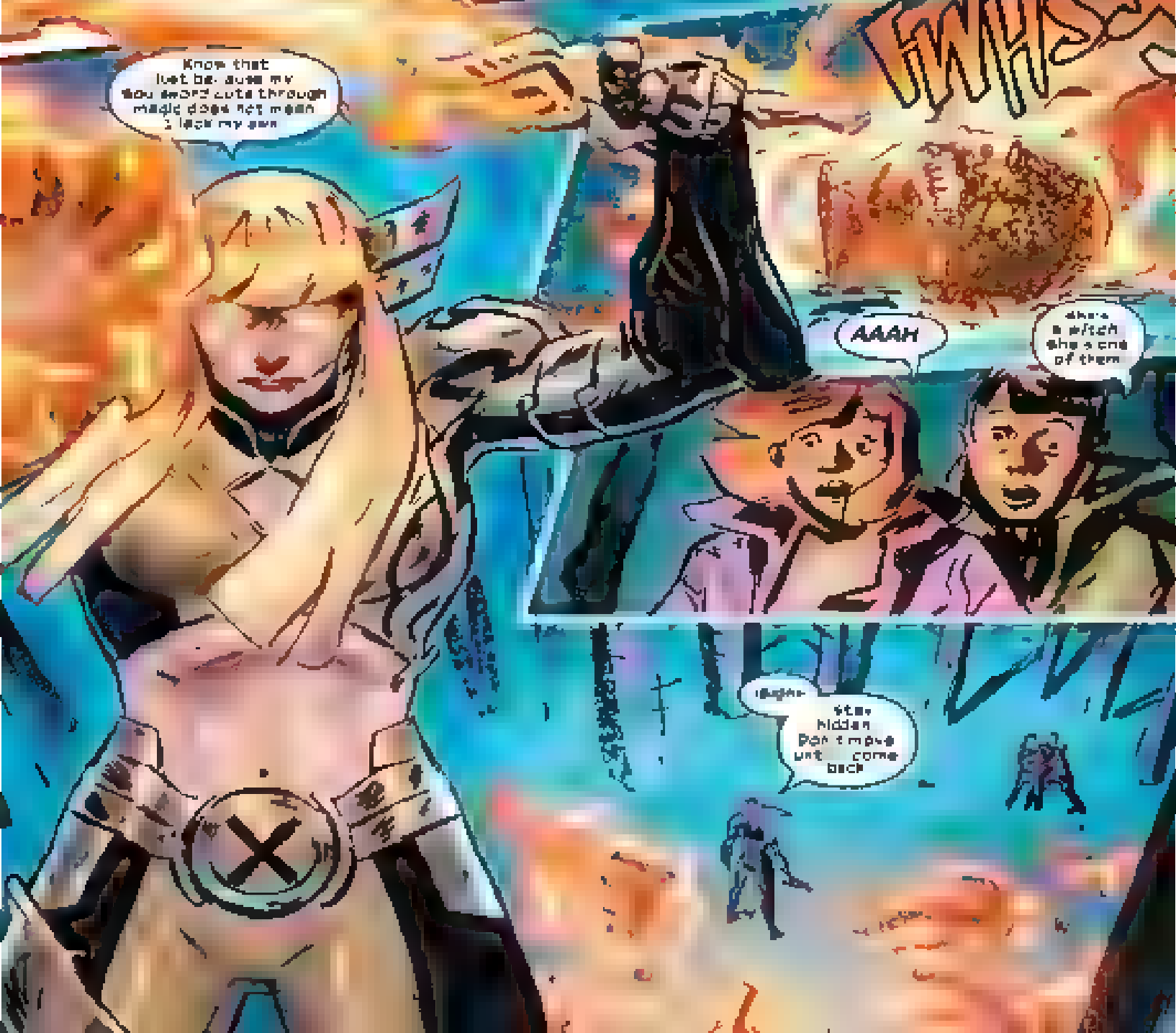
You should have never let me in



and you
are the
monsters



Too
easy



Know that
just be sure my
you sword cuts through
magic does not mean
I lack my gear

FWHSH

AAAH

she's
a witch
she's one
of them

uhhh
stay
hidden
don't move
unt... come
back

ILYA'S STRONGHOLD

Did you see
their faces? How
surprised they
looked?

What else can
you expect from
a bunch of *slowly*
humans?



What
good are
they for if
not to
hunt?

TSSCH

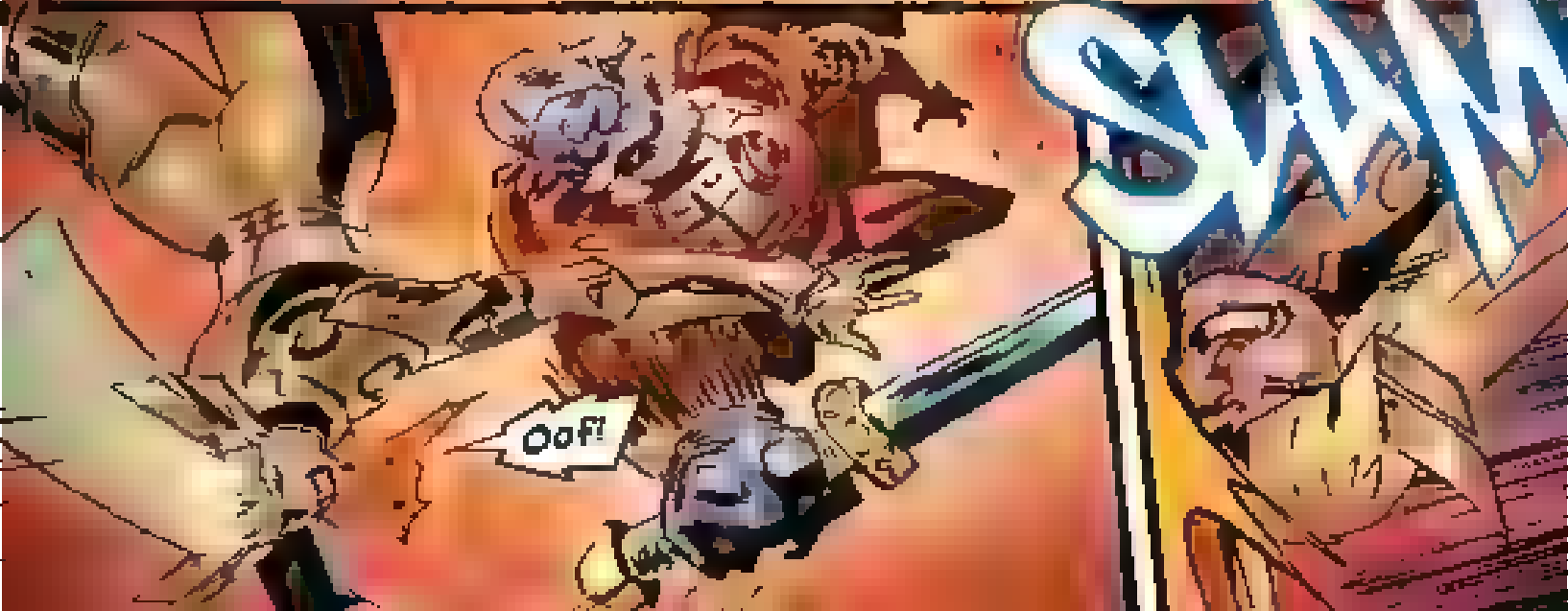
Correction:
What good are
you vampires for
if not to hunt? Not
that it will be much
of a pursuit.

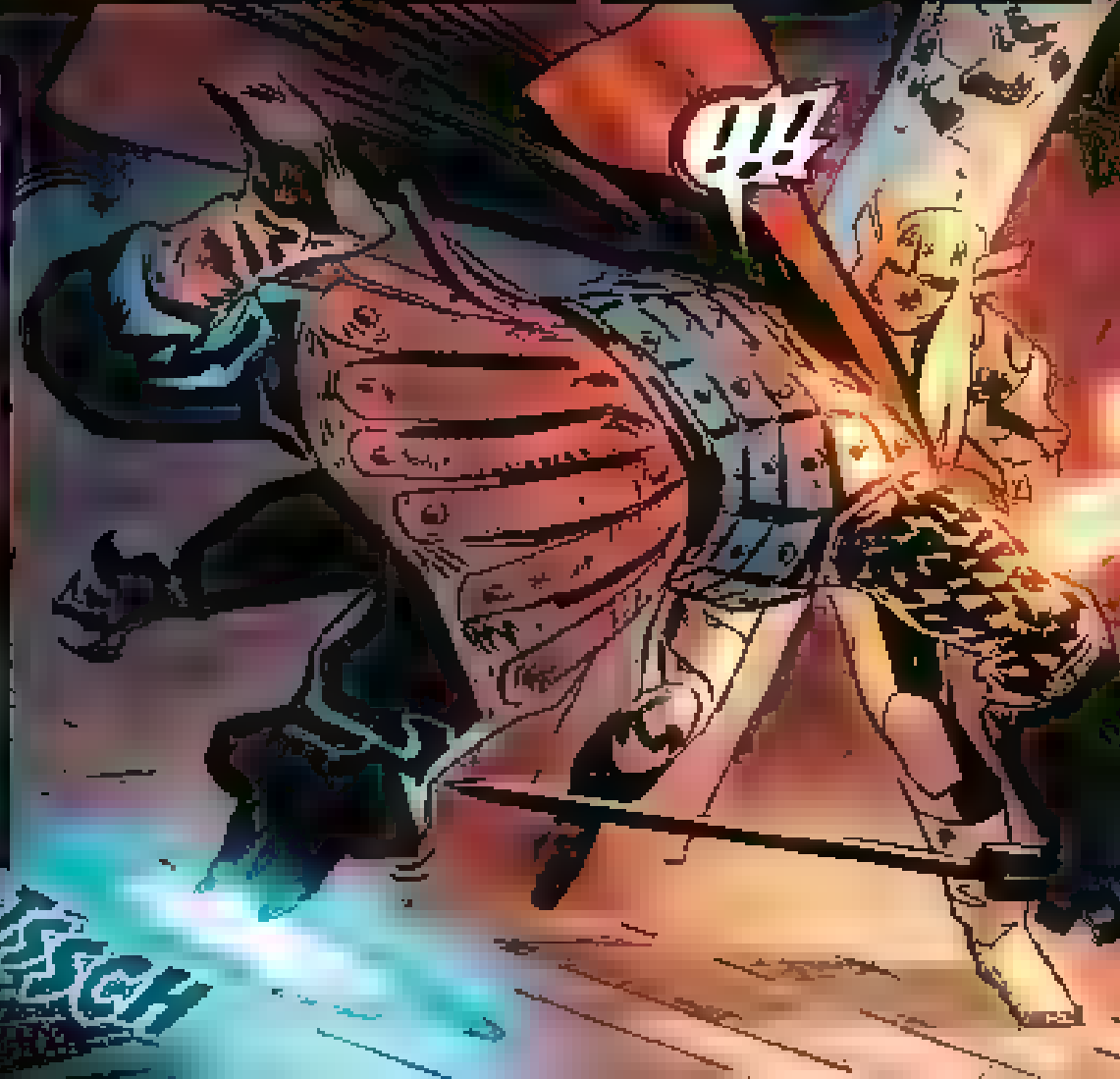
after all
this *slowly*
human's X-code
allows her to
teleport to
wherever you
may run.

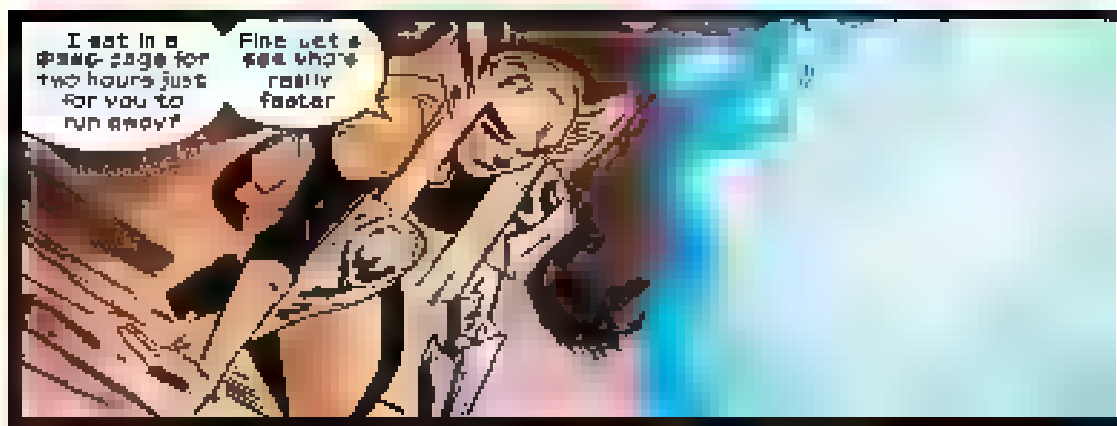
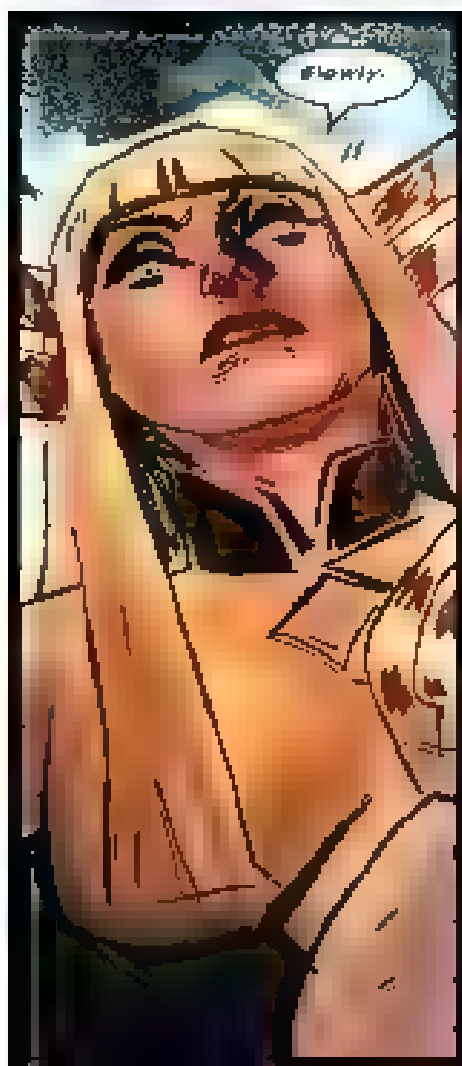
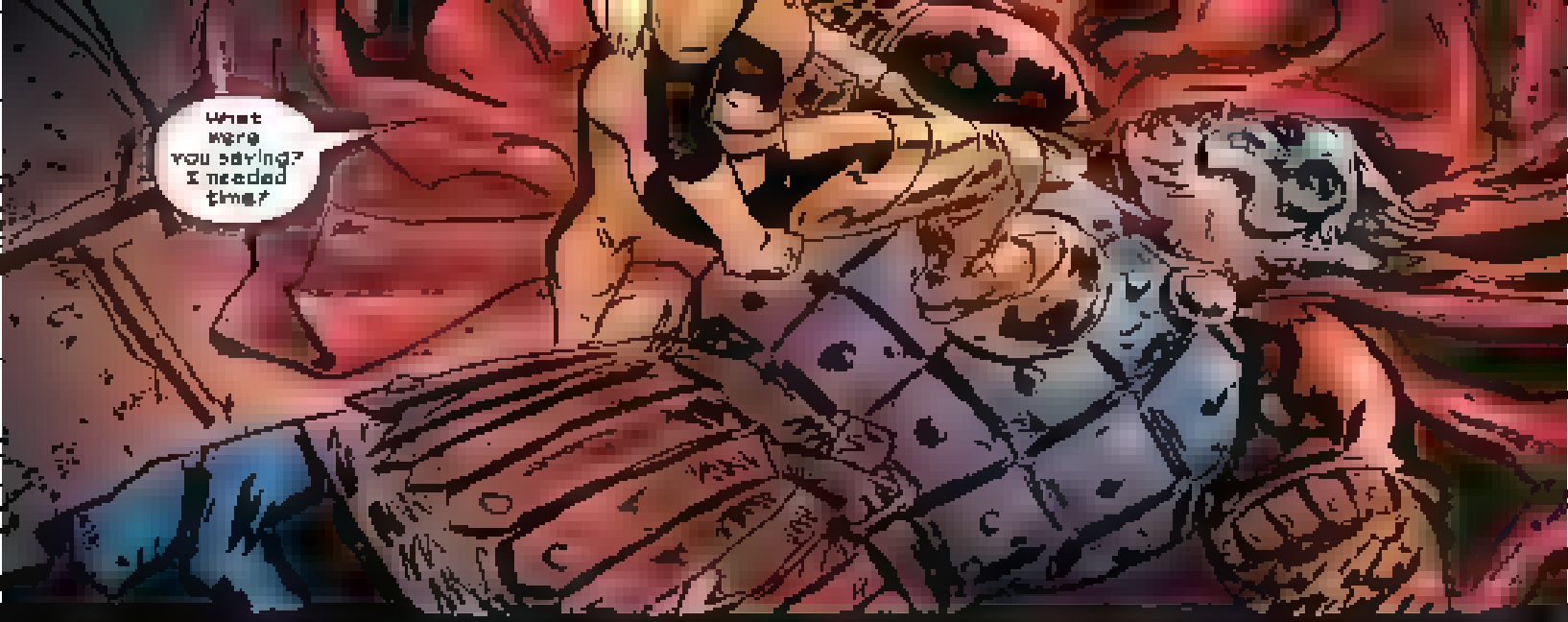
THUNK


Your
turn,
Iya.











My portals
are static, but
that does not
mean I have to
be. Gravity
is my friend—
deep to how
it tears at
my body.

Setting dear
and clear
Accelerating
toward
MY DEY

until I hit
my mark with
the force of
a supernova.



In my darkest hours in Limbo, I would go back to my father's words. The storybook we shared.

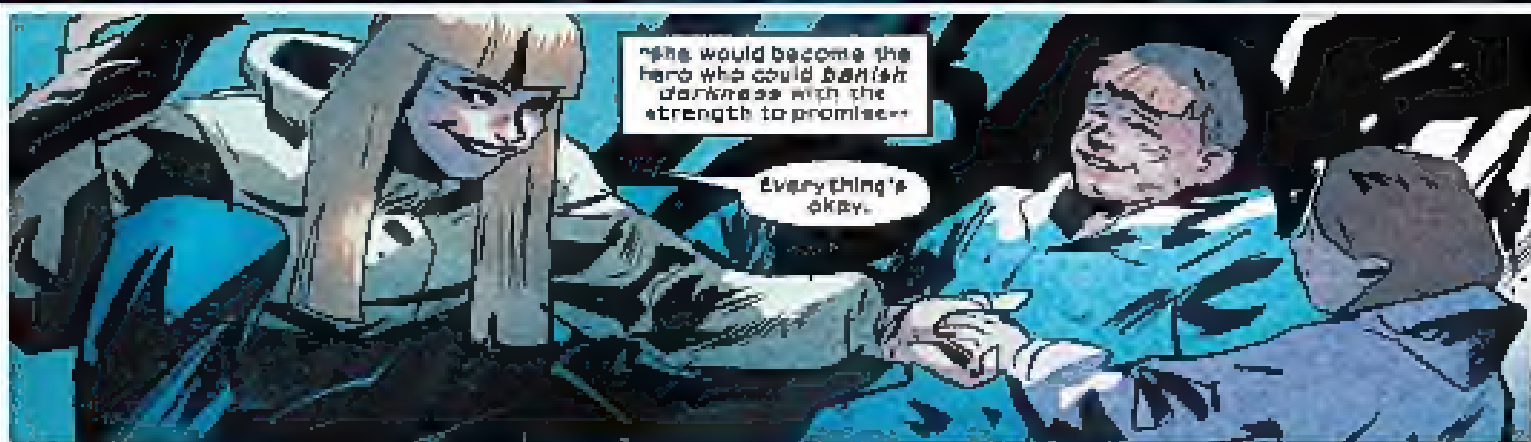
In my mind, Iya would become Iiyana, and I would think of my future.

CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

With her life renewed--with her new scars--she would dedicate herself to fighting the monsters threatening the land.

"Even if those around her thought she was one."

There you are,



"She would become the hero who could banish darkness with the strength to promise--"

Everything's okay.

"She would keep going. She would defeat the evils that seemed insurmountable."

"She would rise above and reunite with her family."

"She would smile at them. Finally and triumphantly be able to say--"

Let's go home.

END.

BLOOD HUNT

CHECKLIST

JUNE

- **BLOOD HUNT #3**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #3**
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #2
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – JUBILEE #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- DOCTOR STRANGE #16
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #6
- FANTASTIC FOUR #21
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #1
- BLOOD HUNTERS #2
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #2
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #21
- VENOM #34
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #2
- AVENGERS #15
- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #2
- **BLOOD HUNT #4**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #4**
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – MAGIK #1
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #2

JULY

- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #3
- DOCTOR STRANGE #17
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #3
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – PSYLOCKE #1
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #22
- WEREWOLF BY NIGHT: BLOOD HUNT #1
- AVENGERS #16
- HULK: BLOOD HUNT #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #3
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #4
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – LAURA KINNEY THE WOLVERINE #1
- **BLOOD HUNT #5**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #5**
- FANTASTIC FOUR #22
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #3
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #3
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #7
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #4

NEXT:

**BLOOD
HUNT**



PSYLOCKE

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After serving on the front lines in the war against Orchis, Kwannon is enjoying some much-deserved downtime with her new lover, Greycrow. But when darkness falls across Japan, **PSYLOCKE** will wield her psychic blade against bloodsucking creatures of legend and face a foe unlike any she's ever seen. An all-new villain emerges in the mayhem of **BLOOD HUNT**!



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